

# The City will initiate in summer the construction of the new Library Josefina de la Torre in Las Canteras

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The City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria has announced the upcoming construction of the new library Josefina de La Torre, the beach library of Las Canteras, on a site next to the Go Fit sports complex in La Cícer. The Town Planning and Housing Councilor, Javier Doreste, and the Councilor for the Presidency, Security and Culture, Encarna Galván, presented the details of this project, which is expected to begin construction in summer, and which will replace the current headquarters located in a Provisional in the Plaza Mayor Ortiz Wiot or Plaza de Churruca.

The work, which has an investment of 1,273,804 euros, consists of the construction of a two-storey library with a total area of 1,328 square meters, in a municipal lot located between the sports complex of La Cícer and a residential building. The ground floor, which has an area of 483 square meters, will consist of a reception, a multipurpose space for children and develop events, lockers, book store, reading room and library, a study area and toilets. At the back of the plant there is a glazed enclosed study room and a service area.

The building, which is accessible since it has an elevator, stairs and adapted bathrooms, also has on its ground floor an outdoor landscaped area of 329 square meters. The upper floor, which has an area of 139 square meters, has a library room with computers, a vending area and an outdoor terrace of 300 square meters.

The project, designed by the architect Lidia Permanyer, also contemplates the extension of the wooden walkway that runs over the sports complex of La Cícer, in order to connect Calle Padilla with the Paseo de Las Canteras in an accessible way. The new footbridge will link the sports complex with the top floor of the library. The work also includes the planting of climbing vegetation in the building adjoining the library.

The councilman of Urbanism, Javier Doreste has said that "we recovered a lot of municipal ownership to transform it into one of the most modern libraries of the city in one of the busiest places of the Paseo de Las Canteras, which has seen its appearance significantly improves thanks to the construction of the La Cícer footbridge".

The Councilor for Culture, Encarna Galván, has ensured that with this infrastructure progress is being made in the improvement of the municipal library network. "We chose the date on which the Book Day is commemorated in Spain to present this project, a new cultural infrastructure linked to the book and reading that will replace the current installation next to the Las Canteras walkway in the next few months, in a This is an important step in the improvement of the library services that we intend for the network of municipal libraries in Las Palmas de Las Palmas. Gran Canaria ".

The councilor recalled that the municipal library network is composed of 12 centers in as many neighborhoods spread across the five districts, which hosted almost 200,000 readers during the year 2017. Last year also registered 1,176 new members in the municipal libraries, which They provided more than 57,000 loans and 316,112 readings throughout 2017. Galván added that from his area a series of reforms in municipal libraries will be promoted to improve their services to citizens, such as updating computer systems, conducting training workshops and cultural activities, and the extension of schedules. The councilor said that the new library Josefina de la Torre will open on Sundays and holidays throughout the year and not, as it happens now, only in summer.

The Consistory estimates that the works, which will begin foreseeably throughout the summer, and have an execution period of 8 months, could be completed in the spring of the year 2019.